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**2016 ANNUAL REPORT SHOWS OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL IDENTIFIED MORE THAN
\$29 MILLION IN POTENTIAL SAVINGS TO THE CITY LAST YEAR**

The New Orleans Office of Inspector General (OIG) released its 2016 Annual Report: “Progress and Productivity.” The OIG cost the City \$3.4 million last year and identified potential savings to the City of more than \$29 million. In addition, adoption of OIG recommendations generated \$1.2 million in revenue for the City in 2016. The OIG identified more than \$95 million in potential savings to the City between 2009 and 2016.

Fifteen reports and public letters released in 2016 bring the office tally to 137 between 2009 and 2016. Public safety and government entities at high risk for fraud and waste remained the OIG’s top priorities last year.

Joint investigations with federal, state, and local law enforcement partners led to 13 criminal actions in 2016. Twenty-four administrative actions resulted in termination of 12 city employees and suspensions or reprimands of 12 others.

“City government has improved greatly, but old practices prevail in some entities and continued improvement will require vigilant oversight,” stated Inspector General Ed Quatrevaux. “The Department of Public Works and the Sewerage and Water Board are poised to receive more than \$2 billion for infrastructure projects. From finances to contracting to operations, this undertaking demands close and persistent scrutiny.”

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